

To whom it may concern,
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My name is Khawaja Bilal, I am a father and a husband who suffers from molecular degeneration which causes me to suffer from low vision, which is mainly focus on my center vision. I was born this way but it did not really start affecting me until I was 26 years old I am now 39 years old. My vision started declining and It affects every aspect of my life. I am originally from Pakistan and I come to the USA in search of the means to better myself and to help support my family back home. Once I first come to Connecticut I tried applying for a drivers license and was denied due to my eyes, it was very hard because I realize how limited I was now in my job selection. I was lucky to find a job right in my town but sadly it did not give me the chance to grow. The jobs I was after were always to far for me. I try my best to utilize public transportation but sadly many of the jobs that I was after not always worked on public transportation I needed to have my own car. I felt very let down, I wanted more than anything to have a better job, but not having a license always cross my way. It is very hard to depend on others and asking for rides, most of the time people do not want to be bather. All I ever wanted is to be independent a be able to drive myself to my job. Now that I am married with children I have other hurtles. I have to depend on my wife for everything and I wish more than anything to drive and help her. I can't even drop my so off at school. Honestly it is very hard not to be able to help and give my give the brake she deserves. The little mundane things people take for granted when it comes to driving I so wish to be able to do. Having the chance to drive and get myself around would mean the world to me in my family. It would give me the chance to get a better job, and be able to help and drive my family around. To me it would be life changing.

Thank you and I am looking forward for a positive change for people like me!!

Khawaja Bilal